



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK FOR EMPLOYEES

IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1962

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative at
31st December, 1962)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES, ETC.</u>				
<u>Boilermaking -</u>				
Boilermaker	391	0	383	0
Helper	324	6	316	6
Labourer	306	6	298	6
<u>Engineering -</u>				
Blacksmith	394	0	386	0
Brassfinisher	391	0	383	0
Coppersmith	394	0	386	0
Fitter	391	0	383	0
Labourer	306	6	298	6
Patternmaker	420	0	412	0
Shaper	391	0	383	0
Striker	330	0	322	0
Turner	391	0	383	0
<u>Foundry -</u>				
Coremaker - machine	359	0	351	0
Coremaker - jobbing	391	0	383	0
Dresser	356	0	348	0
Furnaceman	352	6	344	6
Moulder - machine	359	0	351	0
Moulder - jobbing	391	0	383	0
<u>Sheet Metal Working -</u>				
Canister Maker	333	6	325	6
Machinist	323	0	315	0
Solderer	333	6	325	6
Sheet Metal Worker, 1st Class	391	0	383	0
Sheet Metal Worker, 2nd Class	359	0	351	0
<u>Vehicle Building -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	391	0	383	0
Labourer	299	0	291	0
Painter	381	6	373	6
Springfitter	391	0	383	0
Trimmer	381	6	373	6
Wheelwright	391	0	383	0

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate		Hours
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>						
<u>Bootmaking -</u>						
Clicker	358	6	40	358	6	40
<u>Tailoring (Order) -</u>						
Cutter	476	0	"	420	0	"
Presser	367	6	"	367	6	"
Tailor	383	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Tailoring (Readymade) -</u>						
Cutter	389	6	"	389	6	"
Presser	367	6	"	367	6	"
Tailor	383	0	"	383	0	"
Trimmer	367	6	"	367	6	"
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills) -</u>						
Carder	331	0	"	331	0	"
Dyehouseman	336	0	"	336	0	"
Labourer (General)	294	0	"	294	0	"
Scourer (Wool)	348	0	"	348	0	"
Spinner	331	0	"	331	0	"
Loom Tuner	379	6	"	379	6	"
Warper (Plain)	335	0	"	335	0	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>						
<u>Baking (Bread) -</u>						
Board Hand	406	0	"	432	0	"
Ovensman	417	0	"	432	0	"
Single Hand	412	6	"	472	0	"
Bread Carter	381	0	"	388	0	"
<u>Baking (Biscuits and Cakes) -</u>						
Baker	365	0	"	351	0	"
Labourer	325	0	"	312	6	"
Mixer	350	0	"	351	0	"
<u>Brewing -</u>						
Cellarman	364	0	"	351	0	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	381	6	"	349	6	"
Labourer	364	0	"	342	0	"
Malt Hand	364	0	"	348	6	"
Towerman	372	6	"	351	0	"
<u>Confectionery -</u>						
Confectioner (Grade 1)	373	0	"	360	0	"
Storeman	350	0	"	342	6	"
<u>Jam Making -</u>						
General Labourer	320	6	"	320	6	"
Solderer	327	0	"	327	0	"
<u>Meat Packing -</u>						
Capper	374	0	"	384	0	"
Guillotine Hand	349	0	"	400	4	"
Jokerman	366	0	"	378	6	"
Packer	349	0	"	378	6	"
Seamer	374	0	"	384	0	"
<u>Milling (Flour) -</u>						
Miller (Shift)	440	0	"	440	0	"
Packerman	360	6	"	360	6	"
Purifierman	366	6	"	366	6	"
Smuttermen	366	6	"	366	6	"
Storeman (Head)	380	0	"	380	0	"
Topman	366	6	"	366	6	"
<u>Pastrycooking -</u>						
Packer	360	0	"	310	0	"
Pastrycook	406	0	"	375	6	"

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate		Hours
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.</u>						
<u>Coopering -</u>						
Cooper	391	0	40	418	0	40
<u>Furniture -</u>						
Cabinet Maker	392	0	"	383	0	"
Chairmaker	392	0	"	383	0	"
French Polisher	392	0	"	383	0	"
Wood Carver	392	0	"	383	0	"
Wood Machinist	392	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Sawmilling and Timber Yards -</u>						
Box and Case Maker	346	0	"	338	0	"
Labourer	313	0	"	305	0	"
Machinist -						
Boults Carver	391	0	"	383	0	"
Moulding	391	0	"	383	0	"
Planing	391	0	"	383	0	"
Shaping	391	0	"	383	0	"
Orderman	356	6	"	348	6	"
Sawyer -						
Band or Jig	391	0	"	383	0	"
Circular	381	0	"	373	0	"
Tallyman	350	0	"	342	0	"
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>						
<u>Bookbinding -</u>						
Finisher	391	0	"	383	0	"
Bookbinder	391	0	"	383	0	"
Paper Ruler	391	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Printing (Daily Newspapers) -</u>						
Compositor (Machine) -						
Day Work	529	6	"	592	0	38
Night Work	564	6	38	642	0	"
Machinist (First Hand) -						
Day Work	477	6	40	554	0	40
Night Work	512	6	38	604	0	38
Publisher -						
Day Work	421	0	40	452	6	40
Night Work	456	0	38	502	6	38
Reader -						
Day Work	484	0	40	553	6	40
Night Work	519	0	38	603	6	38
Stereotyper -						
Day Work	480	6	40	548	6	39
Night Work	515	6	38	598	6	38
<u>Printing (Jobbing Offices) -</u>						
Compositor	420	0	40	412	0	40
Linotype Operator	420	0	"	412	0	"
Machinist	391	0	"	383	0	"
Reader	400	6	"	392	6	"
Stereotyper	391	0	"	383	0	"

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rate		Hours	Wage Rate		Hours
	s.	d.		s.	d.	
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>						
<u>Brickmaking -</u>						
Burner	362	0	40	352	6	40
Pitman	378	0	"	378	0	"
Drawer	387	0	"	367	0	"
Trucker	372	0	"	344	0	"
Setter	387	0	"	367	0	"
<u>Electrical Supply -</u>						
Electrical Fitter	497	0	"	408	6	"
Instrument Maker	526	0	"	440	6	"
Linesman	472	0	"	415	0	"
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	565	0	"	383	0	"
<u>Gas - making and Supply -</u>						
Coke Trimmer	335	0	"	349	6	"
Gasfitter	409	0	"	400	0	"
Labourer	347	0	"	340	9	"
Meter Tester	366	0	"	379	6	"
Service Layer	369	0	"	396	0	"
Service Layer's Labourer	330	6	"	355	0	"
Operator, Retort House	362	6	"	377	6	"
<u>Jewellery</u>						
Chainmaker	389	6	"	367	0	"
Mounter	409	0	"	402	0	"
Setter	409	0	"	402	0	"
<u>Leather and Canvas Work -</u>						
Canvas Worker	361	6	"	353	6	"
Leather Worker	361	6	"	353	6	"
<u>Tanning and Currying -</u>						
Beamsman	358	6	"	350	6	"
Labourer	320	0	"	312	0	"
Lime Jobber	355	6	"	347	6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>						
Shaving	368	0	"	360	0	"
Splitting	390	6	"	382	6	"
Unhairing	358	6	"	350	6	"
Tableman	359	6	"	351	6	"
<u>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (a)</u>						
Bricklayer (Surface)	460	0	"	485	10	"
Bricklayer (Sewer or Tunnel)	480	0	"	501	8	"
Builder's Labourer -						
Skilled	402	6	"	443	4	"
Unskilled	386	3	"	415	0	"
Carpenter	468	4	"	489	2	"
Electrical Mechanic (Installation)	436	0	"	383	0	"
Mason (Stone)	433	0	"	434	2	"
Painter	440	0	"	483	4	"
Paperhanger	440	0	"	483	4	"
Signwriter	455	0	"	483	4	"
Plasterer (Surface)	450	0	"	485	10	"
Plumber	(b)456	11	"	502	8	"

(a) Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for excess fares and travelling time, sick pay, public holidays, following the job, etc.

(b) Allowance for excess fares and travelling time varies with each change of job site.

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31ST DECEMBER, 1962 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY			MELBOURNE		
	Wage Rates		Hours	Wage Rates		Hours
	s.	d.	(fortnightly)	s.	d.	(fortnightly)
<u>RAILWAY SERVICES</u>						
Engine Driver (Loco) -						
Steam, Diesel-Electric or Electric	480	6	80	460	0	80
Express, Mail or Passenger	499	6	"	479	0	"
Shunting Engine	422	6	"	385	0	"
Fireman -						
Ordinary	374	6	"	354	0	"
Express, Mail or Passenger	384	6	"	364	0	"
Shunting Engine	348	0	"	330	0	"
Guard -						
1st Class	407	6	"	406	0	"
2nd Class	376	6	"	387	0	"
Porter	334	6	"	335	0	"
Shunter -						
Head	484	0	76	..		..
Leading	431	0	"	410	6	76
Ordinary	376	6	"	356	0	"
Signalman -						
1st Class	456	6	"	402	0	"
2nd Class	437	6	80	380	6	80
3rd Class	422	6	"	364	0	80
<u>ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT</u>						
Motor Omnibuses -						(weekly)
Conductor -						
1st Year	332	0	80	316	6	40
Thereafter	(357	6	80	335	0	"
	(385	6				
Driver	405	6	"	370	0	"
Bus Greaser -			(Weekly)			
1st Year	338	6	40	322	0	"
2nd Year	348	0	"	325	6	"
3rd Year	351	6	"	328	6	"
<u>Tramways -</u>						
Conductor -						
1st Year	(			( 316	6	"
Thereafter	(			( 335	0	"
Labourer	(			( 310	0	"
Track Repairer	(	(a)		(320	6	"
Tram Driver	(			( 344	6	"
Pitman	(			( 349	6	"
<u>Carrying Merchandise -</u>						
Carter -						
1 Horse	342	0	40	319	0	"
2 Horses	352	0	"	336	6	"
Stable Hand	349	0	"	312	0	"
Motor Lorries and Waggon -						
3 Tons	(b) 382	0	"	349	6	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	(c) 400	0	"	363	0	"
<u>SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING</u>						
<u>Wharf Labour -</u>						
Casual Wharf Labourer (per hour)	11	7		11	7	

(a) Last tram route closed in Sydney in February, 1961. (b) Driver of Motor Vehicle with manufacturers' gross vehicle weight of 10,250 to 13,750 lbs. (c) 20,250 to 23,750 lbs. gross vehicle weight.

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</u>				
<u>Butchering (Retail) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	348	6	340	6
General Butcher	389	6	381	6
Shopman	389	6	381	6
Smallgoodsman	389	6	381	6
<u>Shop Assistants -</u>				
Footwear Salesman	374	0	357	6
Drapery Salesman	374	0	357	6
Furniture Salesman	374	0	362	6
Grocery Salesman	374	0	355	9
Hardware Salesman	374	0	357	6
Men's Clothing Salesman	374	0	357	6
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barman	346	0	338	0
Billiard Marker	320	6	312	6
Cook	442	0	434	0
Handyman	320	6	312	6
Kitchenman	320	6	312	6
Porter	320	6	312	6
Waiter	320	6	312	6
<u>Hairdressing -</u>				
Hairdresser	400	0	370	0
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Electrician	402	0	402	0
Projectionist	(472 and 511)	6	(472 and 511)	6
Stage Door Keeper	319	3	319	3
Usher, Ticket Taker	330	0	330	0
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>Factory Engine Driving -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver -</u>				
1st Class	375	6	367	6
2nd Class	362	0	354	0
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	352	6	344	6
2nd Class	336	6	328	6
<u>Municipal -</u>				
Labourer	382	6	322	0
Concrete Floater	413	6	364	0
<u>Storemen and Packers -</u>				
Packer (General)	350	0	342	6
Storeman (General)	350	0	342	6

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1962

<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>				
Bootmaking	243	6	243	6
Dressmaking (Readymade) - Cutter	268	0	268	0
Millinery - Cutter	268	0	268	0
Shirt Making - Cutter	268	0	268	0
Underclothing - Cutter	268	0	268	0

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31ST DECEMBER, 1962 (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate		Wage Rate	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR-(Cont'd)</u>				
<u>Tailoring (Men's Order) -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	268	0	268	0
Trousers and Vest Hand	249	6	249	6
Tailoress	310	0	310	0
Adult Female	223	0	223	0
<u>Tailoring (Men's Readymade) -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	253	0	253	0
Trousers and Vest Hand	245	6	245	6
Adult Female	223	0	223	0
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills) -</u>				
Comb Minder	240	6	240	6
Darner and Mender	247	0	247	0
Warper, Plain	243	0	243	0
Weaver, Loom	247	0	247	0
Gillbox Minder	238	0	238	0
Other Adult	220	0	220	0
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>				
<u>Biscuit Making</u>	247	0	240	6
<u>Confectionery</u>	245	0	234	6
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Folder	251	6	245	6
Sewer	251	6	245	6
<u>Cardboard Box Making -</u>				
Boxmaker	249	0	243	0
Other	237	0	231	0
<u>Printing -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	251	6	245	6
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</u>				
<u>Clerks -</u>				
Cashier (Shops)	296	6	274	6
Clerical Assistant	294	0	269	6
<u>Shops -</u>				
Footwear Saleswoman	{ 296 to 374	{ 6 to 0	{ 259 and 357	{ 9 and 6
Drapery Saleswoman	{ 296 to 374	{ 6 to 0	{ 259 and 357	{ 9 and 6
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	287	0	250	0
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	296	6	257	9
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barmaid	272	0	338	0
Housemaid	243	0	237	0
Laundress	244	0	238	0
Waitress - Head	251	6	245	6
Other	243	0	237	0
<u>Restaurants -</u>				
Pantry Maid	256	0	235	0
Waitress	256	0	235	0
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Female Usher, Ticket Taker, etc.	{ 248 and 254	{ 3 and 0	{ 248 and 254	{ 3 and 0
Ticket Seller	{ 254 and 259	{ 0 and 9	{ 254 and 259	{ 0 and 9